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SUBJECT: Sino-US Talks: Date for Next Meeting

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1. SIMONS, with ANDREWS, received CH' IEN and YEH at Chinese request 1200 April 25 at US Embassy.
2. Ch'ien said Chinese regretted their proposal of April 15 for 137th meeting of Sino-US Ambassadorial-level talks was inconvenient to US and found our proposal of April 30 inconvenient for them. Therefore proposed May 20 as date next meeting.
3. After consultation with me, Simons informed Ch'ien US agreed to May 20. Re press announcement, we intend handle in accordance with past practice, i.e., within 24 hours in capital. As KREISBERG had suggested to Ch'ien, we intended refer only to date, and not to number in series.
4. Ch'ien, after checking with Yeh, said he would report to

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Chargé and would contact Simons if Chargé had any further comment. Asked if we could expect call April 25, he said he was unable to say with certainty.

5. Remainder fifteen-minute meeting small talk. Simons raised only point of substance when noted that Chinese appeared to be sending ambassadors to various posts and wondered if this general policy affected only specific posts. Ch'ien said he had no information.

6. Atmosphere relaxed. Chinese asked about Embassy working hours (probably to assure themselves that reception at side entrance was result of front entrance being closed during weekend and not intended as slight).

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7. Comment. See no reason why we should not proceed with announcement of date next meeting, even though Chinese position re mention of number not yet clear.

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